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A.—(a) The free publication of audit reports in the district gazettes was discontinued as a measure of economy.

(b). The Government have no information.

(c) No.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to say whether any attempt was made to find out the extent of savings effected by such discontinuance ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" No, Sir."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask the Minister to look into the matter and give us some idea of the extent of savings ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Supply of district gazettes to co-operative societies.

*806 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) why the free supply of district gazettes to such of the co-operative societies as applied for them has been stopped ; and

(b) whether the Government intend supplying them to the societies at half the rates of subscription ?

A.—(a) The free supply of gazettes was discontinued on financial grounds.

(b) No.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister whether the Government considered this question as to whether these societies deserve this concession or not ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It was duly considered."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" And then this was arrived at ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes."

Fisheries

Working of the Tanur Research station.

*807 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the objects with which the Tanur Research station was organized ;

(b) how far those objects have been achieved ;

(c) whether the Research assistant who was in charge of the station for the past some years has been transferred to a fish-curing yard ;

(d) whether the station is now in charge of a layman with no qualifications for research work ; and

(e) why a person with qualifications for research has not been appointed ?

A.—(a) The Tanur station was established for the purpose of ascertaining, by experiment, possible improvements in methods in the manufacture of cured fish, fish oil and guano.

(b) The station has accomplished much in determining the correct proportion of salt for curing, methods of sundrying and the